

**Enforcement of NCERT Syllabus in the Country**

<sup>†</sup>3877. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 10+2 pattern is being followed in all the State of the country;
- (b) whether at the time of enforcing the 10+2 pattern, Government had announced to uniformly enforce the syllabus of NCERT in all the States;
- (c) if so, whether Government are aware that in several States, the syllabus of NCERT is not being enforced uniformly particularly in the public schools for all the classes;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken so far by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir, 10+2 pattern is advised by NCERT and school education is a concurrent subject and State Governments/UTs are free to adopt the system relevant to their region.

- (b) There is no enforcement as such since NCERT is only an advisory body in all such matters.
- (c) and (d) Do not arise.
- (e) Many public schools which are affiliated to CBSE follow NCERT syllabus.

**Expenditure on Education**

3878. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what has been the expenditure on education by Government, as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product, during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

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(b) what has been the percentage of resource allocation during 2000-2001; and

(c) when would Government raise this allocation to the promised six per cent of GDP?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) Public expenditure on education as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 has been 3.49%, 3.86% and 3.94% respectively.

(b) The percentage of budgetary allocation to education during 2000-2001 (revenue account) has been 4.56 for the Centre and 22.17 for the States/UTs.

(c) The National Policy on Education recommends gradual increase in investment on education to reach a level of 6% of national income as early as possible. However, it has not been possible so far to provide allocation upto this level due to competing priorities and overall resource constraints.

#### **Review of Total Literacy Programme**

**3879. SHRI KHAGEN DAS:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review has been undertaken to find out the achievements and weaknesses of the total literacy programme; and

(b) whether Government are considering a new approach to this programme?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):** (a) Literacy programme are reviewed periodically.

(b) After review, a new approach has been adopted since 1st April, 2000, with the following features to ensure effective implementation of literacy programmes:

(i) National Literacy Mission (NLM) parameters have been revised and financial norms enhanced.